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The heart of Scottish hero Robert the Bruce made a veiled appearance in a laboratory yesterday, where its shroud was inspected by head of conservation at Historic Scotland, Richard Welander. Full story, page 2. PHOTOGRAPH: MURDO MACLEOD

Saddam plays cat and mouse with US

Martha Walker in Washington and Ian Black in London

THE White House last night dismissed "significant" reports of Iraqi withdrawals from Kurdistan as President Bill Clinton moved towards ordering a limited punitive air strike against Saddam Hussein despite widespread international misgivings.



An Iraqi soldier fires a machinegun during the Irbil takeover

Mr Clinton decided - though this will clearly be harder if an Iraqi withdrawal is confirmed. France, which helps the US and Britain police the northern Iraqi "no-fly zone" but has been keen to restore normal relations with Baghdad, declined all comment relating to possible military action in the region.

hundred have been killed. Many hundreds have been arrested, a PUK Ankara representative, Shasad Saib, said. He said the rival Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) was guiding Iraqi troops from door to door armed with lists of people opposed to the Baghdad government. But a KDP spokesman said Iraqi troops had left Irbil.

A baby? Not in my time you don't

Van driver wins case over time off for birth

Stewart Miller

ALL Robert Stennings wanted was some time off for the birth of his child. But when the 29-year-old van driver decided to put the delivery of his daughter before that of central heating supplies, his boss told him not to bother coming back.



Robert Stennings... 'A man should be at his wife's side'



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The tribunal decided Mr Johnson had acted unreasonably, but held Mr Stennings was 50 per cent to blame because he had said he was going to take time off, rather than making a request.

Did Mr Stennings want to take God forbid, a day and a half off? After the ruling, Mr Stennings, now a packer with a blout firm, said: "I would do the same again. A man should always be at his wife's side."

Investors in limbo as City firm probes 'irregularities'

Richard Miles

TENS of thousands of investors were left in limbo yesterday after one of the City's most prestigious money management companies, Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, suspended dealings in three of its most successful investment funds and announced it was investigating "possible irregularities".

Investments worth 570 billion worldwide, is carrying out an internal investigation and has contacted Imro, the City watchdog which monitors the fund management industry.

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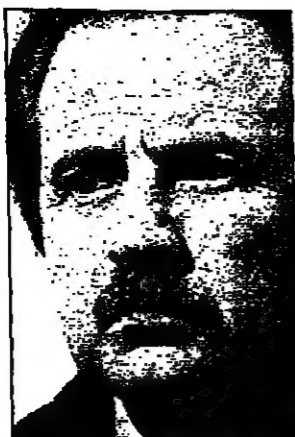
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As veterans of the 1960s Bolivian rebellion accuse their former friend Fidel Castro of betraying the guerrilla hero, Cuba and Che's daughter are hitting back

Paul Webster on a Latin skirmish



Régis Debray (top left), and Aleida Guevara standing in front of the famous image of her father, Che

# Old comrades trade insults over Che

**R**EGIS DEBRAY and Darriel Alarcon Ramirez, two rare survivors of Che Guevara's 1960s Bolivian rebellion, have publicly turned against their former Cuban backer and friend Fidel Castro, opening up 28-year-old wounds with accusations of treachery by Havana. Cuba has in turn accused Mr Debray, who was jailed and tortured by the Bolivian army, of betraying Che. It has also denounced him as a "traitor" for encouraging an exiled Cuban resistance movement of which Mr Ramirez — better known as Benigno — is a leader. Havana's condemnation came after the two men published books describing Dr Castro's regime as Stalinist and claiming that he had abandoned the rebels to their fate in 1967. Mr Debray opened the war of words with his book *Praise be Our Lords*. This has now been followed by Mr Ramirez's volume, *The Life and Death of the Cuban Revolution*, written from his refuge in Paris. In the ensuing verbal skirmish, Che's daughter, Aleida Guevara, who is married to a member of the Cuban secu-

rity forces, has blamed Mr Debray for "talking more than necessary" while in prison, six months before her father was captured and shot by a Bolivian army firing squad in October 1967. Ms Guevara was aged six at the time. "He was never really Che's companion," she said. "It's sad that a man like Régis Debray, so linked to communism and the socialist movement, should pass suddenly and totally to the other side." Yesterday, Mr Debray, whose political conversions have included belated admiration for Charles de Gaulle and disillusionment with the late Socialist president, François Mitterrand, issued a statement to the newspaper *Le Monde* saying he had written enough about the rebellion in *La Guérilla du Che* in 1974 not to have to justify his behaviour in prison "every time it suits Havana to spit on its old friends". He accused Ms Guevara of being under Dr Castro's orders when she attacked him in an interview in Clarín, a newspaper in Argentina. Che's native country. Denouncing Havana's "Stalinist" tactics, Mr Debray added that Cuba's police state had become its own caricature.

"This fall from grace does not justify the American embargo which... I condemn," Mr Debray said. "For my part... I have put a full stop to this political period [in Bolivia] but these insults will not make me forget its nobility." Referring to official Cuban accusations that he was a traitor, Mr Debray said he was being attacked because of the absurd suspicion that he had encouraged resistance and was responsible for the defection of Benigno. Yet both men have been at odds with the regime since the execution in 1969 of four of Dr Castro's closest associates, including Tony de la Guardia, a friend of Mr Debray. Mr Ramirez — Benigno — described Ms Guevara's attack on Mr Debray as "new proof of the cynical Stalinism which has taken hold of a revolution which I loved and served when it was still a revolution." With its infamous and imagined accusations, Castro's regime is slandering practice questions: Why were we abandoned to our fate in Bolivia? In my book I have given some concrete reasons and I can continue to do so."

## Historic squabbles

**F**IDEL CASTRO was born in 1927 in Cuba. He had a law practice in Havana before launching the guerrilla struggle against the Batista regime in 1953. Sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, he concluded his defence with the words: "History will absolve me." Exiled in 1955, he returned in 1956 with a small band of fighters. After the revolution in January 1959 he became prime minister and later president. When the United States imposed a trade embargo, Castro aligned Cuba with the Soviet Union, and is currently the world's second-longest-serving head of state. **ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA** was born to wealthy parents in Argentina in 1928. As a young medical student he toured South America on a 1950s Norton 500cc motorcycle. In 1954 he went to Guatemala to join the newly elected left-wing regime. After the CIA coup he fled to Mexico

where he met Castro in 1955, and joined the group that led the Cuban revolution. Castro appointed him industry minister but he left Cuba in 1965 to foment international revolution. He died leading an ill-fated guerrilla column in Bolivia in October 1967. **ALEIDA GUEVARA** was born in 1961, the child of Che's first wife. The family was left behind in Cuba when he left first for Zaire, then for Bolivia. Aleida was educated in Havana, trained as a doctor, and became a paediatrician. Close to Castro, she volunteered to work in Angola during the war with South Africa. **REGIS DEBRAY**, born in 1940, is one of France's most controversial intellectuals. He was one of only six to survive the Bolivian army ambush which led to Che's death in 1967. As a military officer he served in Cuba's interventions in Africa in the 1970s and trained thousands of guerrillas, mainly from Latin America and Africa. He made a spectacular political conversion in midlife. He became Mitterrand's Latin American adviser in 1981 and a senior presidential aide, but resigned during the second term. He subsequently worked closely with Danielle Mitterrand in her

human rights movement, but alienated the left, with his admiration for De Gaulle, his disillusionment with Castro. **DARIEL ALARCON RAMIREZ** was born in 1941 and at the time of the revolution was a peasant-turned-guerrilla, aged 17. He was one of only six to survive the Bolivian army ambush which led to Che's death in 1967. As a military officer he served in Cuba's interventions in Africa in the 1970s and trained thousands of guerrillas, mainly from Latin America and Africa. He made a spectacular political conversion in midlife. He became Mitterrand's Latin American adviser in 1981 and a senior presidential aide, but resigned during the second term. He subsequently worked closely with Danielle Mitterrand in her

## Schools 'breaking law on informing parents'

**M**OST schools are flouting their legal obligation to give parents the basic information they need to make important decisions about their children's education, the Consumers' Association warned yesterday after a survey of prospective and governors' annual reports. From a representative sample of 80 primary and secondary schools, only one gave all the information stipulated in the Government's parents' charter. A staggering 130 of the 141 documents received did not meet the legal requirements, the association said.

According to the report, common omissions from governors' reports included: exam results; national curriculum test assessments; absence rates; school leaver destinations; who the governors were and when they met; how much they claimed in expenses; and when the next annual meeting and elections for parent governors would be held. About a quarter of the secondary schools in the sample failed to mention anything about the cost of field trips, music lessons and other extras pupils might want. Almost half of them did not include all the information they were required to give on admissions. Other schools failed to explain how parents could visit the school, and did not provide information on sex education, collective worship or any provision for children with special educational needs.

"The best schools managed to sound welcoming, but the worst almost implied that parents were an unavoidable inconvenience." However, blaming individual schools was not enough, Mr Cullum said. "Local education authorities should take responsibility for keeping tabs on whether prospectuses and governors' annual reports comply with legal requirements. The survey was conducted earlier this year by Consumers' Association researchers, posing as parents. Other problems revealed by the report included illegible typefaces, jargon and legalistic language. The Consumers' Association survey included examples of good and bad governors' reports. One unimpressive example read: "We are required to provide a written report which is attached to this letter. Some aspects of the report are a mandatory requirement." One more acceptable report, however, read: "We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the meeting, and hearing their thoughts about the school. We value the opinions of parents very highly."

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## Monks urges £4 basic pay target

**T**HE TUC leadership was last night trying to defuse an impending row over the minimum wage ahead of next week's conference by promising that its opening bid for low paid workers under a Labour government would be for a national floor of 24 an hour. Fearful of a Conservative campaign over the costs of the 24.26 minimum proposed by the public sector union Unison, TUC general secretary John Monks is seeking a compromise in Blackpool that should be aimed for 24 an hour if the low pay commission promised by Labour is set up after the election. The final figure would be arrived at only after representations by the CBI — which would be proposing a figure closer to 23 — and from academics. However, Mr Monks will press for the TUC not to lock itself into a fixed negotiating stance up to 18 months before a minimum wage could appear on the statute book. Frantic efforts are being

made to ensure that the Unison motion is defeated if it reaches the congress floor. A minimum wage of 24.26 an hour would affect 28 per cent of the working population, and the TUC leadership believes the Government would respond to such a claim with a concerted campaign in which ministers would assert that any benefits would be outweighed by hundreds of thousands of job losses and the inflationary impact of attempts to restore wage differentials. Mr Monks argues that the minimum wage is a popular policy and will help Labour's electoral chances by offering a solution to job insecurity. However, in private he is arguing that a vote for 24.26 an hour could undermine public support for the concept. The Communication Workers' Union strike committee will meet tomorrow to thrash out its next moves in the postal dispute after yesterday's 24-hour strike shut down the service for the eighth time since June. Royal Mail last night again claimed that support for the union was crumbling, although its own figures showed more than 100,000 were on strike. Union future is in mutual satisfaction, page 6

**"What on earth do you think you're up to talking to that evil screw from Brixton Prison? You're meant to be glad to have seen the back of people like that". It was a fact Neil Kinnock looked remarkably like a Brixton screw...**  
Howard Marks, G2 cover story

# EC hushed up the BSE scandal for five years

Stephen Bates in Brussels

**A**N OFFICIAL cover-up of the BSE scandal by the European Commission emerged in Brussels yesterday, overshadowing the start of an inquiry by the European Parliament into the handling of this year's beef panic. Documents disclosed by the French newspaper *Libération* show that senior commission officials desperately tried to prevent publicity about BSE leaking out for five years in order to stave off consumer alarm and maintain the stability of the meat market. Phillip Whitehead, the Labour MEP for Staffordshire, East and Derby, who is a member of the inquiry committee, said: "We will be looking at the extent to which there was a misguided operation to fob the public off. There seems to have been a very shaky line between mass panic and legitimate consumer concerns." The documents — which were not disclosed by the commission yesterday — indicate that far from Tory Eurosceptic claims that Europe ganged up on Britain when the crisis erupted last March, the opposite is true and officials in Brussels tried to hush up the BSE epidemic to protect farmers. Among the documents published by *Libération* is a letter written in March 1983 by Guy Legras, the head of the commission's agriculture directorate, to his Italian colleague Riccardo Parisich, then head of the internal market directorate responsible for a committee on foodstuffs. In it Mr Legras warns of the risk of causing a consumer panic. "All discussion of BSE inevitably causes problems in the meat market. Last January we had an alarm following a programme on German television and it was only due to our prudence and discretion at that time that we avoided a panic. In order to maintain public confidence it is essential not to provoke a reopening of the debate. If you can help me it would therefore be prudent to avoid a discussion in the scientific committee." Mr Parisich replied: "It looks difficult to avoid all scientific debate on the question at the European level, knowing that that question is the subject of permanent scientific examination at national level." As early as October 1980,

Mr Legras's predecessor, the Spaniard Fernando Manesto, was warning the member states' chief veterinary officers at a meeting, according to the minutes: "It is necessary to have a cold attitude in order not to provoke unfavourable reactions in the market. BSE ought not to figure on the agenda." It was suggested then in a memorandum by a French official, Gilbert Castille, that the UK ought to be asked not to publish the results of its scientific research, saying "it would be better to minimise BSE by practising disinfection. It would be better to say that the Press has a tendency to exaggerate." Other documents during the period also warn against opening up a public debate. A British commission official was asked to include a paragraph in a letter to the German government in October 1983 on the political risks of mounting a public debate: "The affair has caused plenty of noise and led to much damage at the consumer level." In London, the Ministry of

'Documents show the desire to prevent the public being informed of the dangers'

Agriculture and government sources declined to comment on the disclosures on the grounds that they were private commission matters, but said that Britain would co-operate fully with the European Parliament's inquiry. Philippe de Villiers, a French Eurosceptic member of Sir James Goldsmith's L'Autre Europe grouping in the Parliament, threatened to initiate legal action, adding: "The documents demonstrate the desire of the commission to prevent at any cost the public being informed of the dangers of BSE." The commission's chief spokesman, Klaus Van der Pae, said it would make all documents available to a committee of MEPs who today begin an investigation into the handling of the BSE crisis. Asked whether Mr Legras still had the confidence of Jacques Santer, the EC president, he replied: "At the moment I have no reason to say anything else but yes."

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John, in bits

4 BRITAIN

News in brief

Missing boy found drowned on beach

POLICE last night said the body of a boy found drowned on a beach at Sheringham, north Norfolk, on Sunday had been formally identified as that of four-year-old Tom Loughlin, who vanished from a beach 30 miles away with his six-year-old sister, Jodi, two weeks ago.

Six-death road crash plea

WITNESSES are being urgently sought by police who are baffled over the cause of a road accident near Frome in Somerset early on Sunday morning in which six young people died returning from the nearby One World pop festival.



ACTOR Liam Neeson (left) had emergency surgery yesterday after falling ill at the Venice Film Festival.

Doctor jailed for pistol threat

A DOCTOR who held a starting pistol to the throat of a car passenger in a road rage row was jailed for three months yesterday at Harrow crown court in north-west London.



Taking off at last... A prototype of the Eurofighter making its first UK public flight at the Farnborough Air Show yesterday

Portillo backs Eurofighter

£15 billion boost for industry and RAF depends on go-ahead from key partner Germany

Sarah Boseley and Michael White

THE Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, yesterday declared that the UK was ready to commit itself to the production of the £40-billion Eurofighter aircraft, giving a boost to industry and jobs and a firm nudge to Germany, which is dragging its feet.

shires, Derby and Bristol, which stand to gain or keep jobs, and the German government.

There has been a long history of German doubts and near-withdrawals because of the escalating cost. After the Berlin Wall came down, Germany exchanged military insecurity for financial liabilities.

The German treasury is under even more pressure now as it tries to meet the Maastricht single-currency timetable. The government has said it will not decide whether to commit money to production of the Eurofighter until next year.

Agreement on the numbers each would buy and the distribution of production work was reached with Germany and the other partners, Italy and Spain, at the beginning of the year, however, and it is thought none of the four nations will want to lose their hefty investment in the aircraft's development.

But for all its up-beat, go-getting tone, yesterday's statement was qualified, because Britain cannot proceed without the partners.

Production will not start until all the signatures are on paper. Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, who played a key role in the '80s in persuading the European governments to work together, said the announcement gave him "enormous personal pleasure".

Comrades in arms

Eurofighter development work share

Table showing development work share for Eurofighter across different countries and companies.

Who's buying how many aircraft?



Countdown

1980: Initial proposal for a European Fighter Aircraft.

1985: France drops out after wrangles over type of aircraft to build, leaving Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain to go it alone.

May 1988: The four partners sign an agreement to order prototypes. Project is costed at \$22 billion, with the UK share \$7 billion. Aircraft expected to be in service in 1993.

1990: Germans consider withdrawing over cost of German unification, which removed main security problem. 1992: Germany pulls out of development phase, followed by Italy. Cabinet splits emerge and Michael Portillo at the Treasury tries to get MoD to abandon project.

December 1992: Project resumed when four partner nations agree to cut costs to keep Germans in. Aircraft renamed Eurofighter. October 1993: Concern about aircraft's computer system delays inaugural flight.

March 1994: Plans taken off for first time. In Germany, August 1995: National Audit Office criticises international work-sharing arrangements, blaming them for 23 per cent increase in development costs since 1988 - an increase of \$2.3 billion to Britain.

November 1995: Defence Secretary Michael Portillo said to be considering buying US-made Stealth bomber instead. UK and Germany reach outline deal on sharing production work.



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Traveller finds her field of dreams

Alex Bellis

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Only this was not in the Golden Triangle or Morocco. The 18-year-old traveller had found paradise in a hidden corner of Oxfordshire.

"She must have thought she was in seventh heaven. It is every hippy's dream come true. If it wasn't such a serious matter it would be hysterical," muttered the Old Bill when they discovered that the county's best kept secret was not so secret after all.

It appeared that the teenager had been living in the home office-licensed hemp farm for several weeks. There was a fire, food cans lying around, and cannabis leaves drying in the sun.

Acting on a tip-off, the police had visited the farm. "We just drove down a track, turned in through an open gate and were smack bang in the middle of a massive dope plantation," said one officer. "There were 12 ft cannabis plants everywhere. It looked more like Colombia than Oxfordshire. I have never seen anything like it. Then we spotted this dilapidated old coach parked in some trees in the middle of it all and some of the crop drying out in the sunshine."

Teenage TV addicts prone to isolation, crime and drugs

Stuart Miller

TEENAGERS who watch more than four hours television a night are more prone to crime, drug-taking and becoming isolated from society, academics said yesterday. The warning followed publication of research which found that TV addicts - those watching at least four hours a night - are more likely to have anti-social attitudes, become isolated from parents and feel disillusioned.

The researchers, from Trinity College, Carmarthen, said these youngsters developed spectator mentalities which prevented them from taking an active part in life. Of 20,000 teenagers aged between 13 and 15 surveyed at schools in England and Wales, more than a quarter said they watched at least four hours a night. After comparing their attitudes with those of the other respondents, the researchers said their findings painted a disturbing picture of isolation and disenchantment.

TV addicts were also more tolerant of drugs. Fewer than 50 per cent thought using cannabis was wrong; more than 25 per cent approved of glue sniffing and 30 per cent thought heroin use and sniffing butane acceptable.

William Kay, one of the report's authors, said schools should pay more attention to teaching youngsters to be discriminating viewers. "If you eat junk food continually it will have a long-term effect on your health, and TV is the same. So if kids learn about TV and what it's about, they will be able to develop a more balanced diet."

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Nick Varley on one woman's three-year ordeal

# End stalker terror, pleads victim

**'There is absolutely no justice in putting a victim through so much that they become damaged psychologically before a charge can be brought'**

**A** WOMAN who won a test case against a stalker who subjected her to a campaign of terror lasting more than three years, publicly relieved her ordeal for the first time yesterday. Tracy Sant saw a former work colleague, Anthony Burstow, jailed for three years earlier this year, after he became the first stalker to be convicted of grievous bodily harm.

Mrs Sant's account came at the International Police Training Conference in Birmingham where one of the UK's most senior women police officers called for the proposed laws on stalking to be made more stringent. Maria Wallis, Assistant Chief Constable of Sussex, said the persistent use of words or behaviour that harassed, alarmed or distressed victims should be made an arrestable offence.

They worked in Hampshire in November, 1992. She tried to help him overcome depression. Within a month, however, he began to appear when she went to aerobics or evening classes. By the end of the month she was terrified and was taking sleeping pills. She described how mail began going missing, messages were found on her answering machine and how she found an item of her underwear from her bedroom drawer draped over the wing mirror of her car. There were silent phone calls, unsigned mail and oil was poured over the car. Members of her family and her husband's family also began to be harassed. Burstow was jailed for six months for pouring the oil on the car but was released on appeal while Mrs Sant and her husband were on holiday. They returned to find their home had been broken into and personal items, including their wedding video, had been stolen. Burstow was jailed for 18 months for the break-in, but continued to send mail and make phone calls from prison. While he was behind bars, however, the most dis-

turbing evidence of his obsession was discovered: he had bugged Mrs Sant's sofa, bed and office. On his release, Burstow started where he had left off. The pressure told on Mrs Sant's marriage and her husband left. They are divorcing this month. She moved to her parents' home, but the calls and letters continued. Police, unable to find evidence to prosecute Burstow, were helpless. Ten months later, after police compiled a dossier to press the pioneering charge of grievous bodily harm, Burstow pleaded guilty and was jailed. Miss Wallis, a member of the Association of Chief Police Officers working party dealing with stalking, said she was "broadly in favour" of the proposals, as were many police forces. Research findings from police forces throughout the country showed in the 153 stalking cases reported, that 144 victims were female, 10 were male and one was a family. In a third of the cases there was a domestic or other relationship between victim and stalker. Thirty-four were linked through work, 40 casually linked and 32 unknown.



Tracy Sant... relieved ordeal during which her sofa, bed and office were bugged by obsessive stalker. PHOTOGRAPH: STEVE HILL

## More women officers the answer to cult of masculinity in police stations, says ex-superintendent

**S**UPPRESSING sexism among policemen merely forces such attitudes and language underground, a former superintendent said yesterday. Malcolm Young, now a lecturer in anthropology, said officers imbued "with

the cult of masculinity" would find new venues for their outlook if it was no longer tolerated in police stations. He argued the correct strategy was to make forces more equal in terms of the proportions of men and women officers.

If suppressed, the masculinity cult became localised, covert, and more intense, and surfaced in "CID pubs or wherever", Dr Young told the police training conference. "We've got a culture in the police which is 170 years old. But for 140 years it was exclusively male-run and male-dominated. You can't change a culture in 30 years, especially one so male-orientated. Phrases describing

women officers as "rough as a robber's dog" remained prevalent. Men used such language when they felt under threat, he said, and male officers faced by women colleagues often resorted to it. Dr Young, a policeman for 33 years, said the answer to sexist attitudes was to recruit more women. "It needs to be the norm that forces are 50-50, give or take 10 per cent either way."

## New moves in rows over pupils

**D**ONALD MacLeod, Education Correspondent. CHILDREN return today to the Nottinghamshire school at which teachers have threatened to strike if they are forced to teach a boy aged 10. At an emergency meeting last night, governors of Manton junior school, Worksop, discussed compromise proposals for Matthew Wilson to be taught in isolation by a supply teacher. He was twice expelled by the head teacher but reinstated by governors. He is not due to attend the school until Monday. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers, said a settlement would depend on the details of any proposal. Yesterday he talked to Fred Riddell, chairman of the county's education committee.



Sarah Taylor... parents withdrew her from school. The boy's mother, Pamela Cliffe, was unhappy about the deal but said she did not want other children to suffer. Some governors accused teachers of making a scapegoat of a

"bright but challenging" boy. Meanwhile, a strike by NASUWT members at the Ridder School in Halifax, West Yorkshire, was called off when the parents of Sarah Taylor, aged 13, withdrew her from school. It was the latest in a series of confrontations in which the union has forced the withdrawal of disruptive children from classes. Sarah was expelled last term for alleged violence against a teacher and pupil. After an appeal to the local education authority, she was allowed to return for the new term yesterday. Teachers voted to strike if they were asked to teach her, and it was decided that she would receive tuition from the head teacher, Jacqueline Taylor and her husband, Michael, were unhappy with the arrangement and decided to withdraw their daughter. Mr de Gruchy said there was a feeling of relief among

his members. "They should be congratulated on taking a firm stand in defence of law and order." Sarah's family say they will take legal advice about an alleged attack on Sarah by a teacher. Mr de Gruchy denied that she had been attacked. The decision by all 15 comprehensive in the London borough of Bromley to select 15 per cent of their pupils would be repeated by schools in other areas, Sir Robert Balchin, chairman of the Grant Maintained Schools Foundation, said yesterday. The decision marks a break-through for the Government in its policy of dismantling comprehensive education. Until now, only 41 grant-maintained schools had applied to introduce some selection. Parents in Bromley fear that selection tests will draw in hundreds of pupils from other authorities and squeeze out the borough's children.

## Loyalist bomb attack 'meant to kill'

**V**IVEK Chaudhary in Belfast. THE parents of Alex Kerr, one of two men ordered to leave Northern Ireland or face death by the loyalist paramilitary leadership, said yesterday that a bomb attack on their home was intended to kill. Pressure was also mounting yesterday for fringe loyalist parties to be excluded from next week's Stormont talks following the attack and the issuing of the ultimatum last week to Mr Kerr and leading loyalist Billy Wright to quit Northern Ireland. Mr Kerr's father, also called Alex, who was 60 on Sunday when a bomb was thrown through the window of his south Belfast home, said: "I don't think they came to scare us away. They came to put us away. I'm an easy target. When they issued the ultimatum to my son I was expecting



Alex Kerr, whose son faces a loyalist death threat. a brick through the window but never a bomb." Last Wednesday, the Combined Loyalist Military Command (CLMC) gave Billy Wright 72 hours to leave the

provinces or face death. Mr Kerr, who is on remand facing terrorist charges, has been ordered to leave the province upon release. The refusal of both men to leave, however, and Mr Wright's public criticisms of fringe loyalist groups has sparked fears of a bloody feud within their ranks. David Irvine, spokesman for the fringe Progressive Unionist Party (PUP), which is representing the interests of the paramilitary Ulster Volunteer Force at the Stormont talks, due to resume next week, denied that Sunday night's attack was carried out on the orders of the CLMC. "People should look at the other parties involved and see who this attack benefits and it's not the CLMC." However, Mr Irvine refused to condemn the ultimatum, which have split loyalist ranks and could lead to retaliation if the threats to

kill them are carried out. Mr Irvine also dismissed calls from the Rev Ian Paisley for fringe loyalist groups to be barred from the Stormont talks unless they condemn the CLMC "directive". Mr Paisley said all those participating needed to adhere to the Mitchell Principles "otherwise there will be no place for them at the table". Mo Mowlam, the shadow Northern Ireland secretary, said in an interview with a Belfast newspaper that all loyalist parties needed to be involved in the Stormont talks but condemned the CLMC's ultimatum. Meanwhile, in a further sign of deteriorating relations, Protestant and Catholic mobs clashed in north Belfast last night. Police said the skirmishes followed sectarian rioting on Sunday when mobs fought with hammers and crowbars and threw bricks.

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Mary Ridell

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# Cairo seeks action from Netanyahu

**Derek Brown in Jerusalem**

**T**HE PLO leader, Yasser Arafat, said last night he was considering seeking international arbitration to resolve his steadily worsening differences with Israel. The suggestion was instantly rebuffed by a spokesman for the Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu.

Earlier in the day frenetic contacts between Israel and the Palestinians failed to set a date for a meeting of the two leaders. But in a mood of deepening crisis, pressure is mounting inexorably on Israel to make concessions and prevent the unravelling of the 1993 peace accord.

The two men are still expected to meet this week — possibly today — even though their negotiators remain sharply divided on how to repair the badly faltering peace process among the crucial outstanding issues are:

- The timing and extent of Israel's withdrawal of occupation forces from the flash-point West Bank city of Hebron. The pull-back should have been completed in March but was delayed, first by a wave of Islamist suicide bombings in Israel and then by the election of the Netanyahu government.
- Israel's renewed drive to expand Jewish settlements in the occupied territories. Palestinians say that the expansion plans are in blatant violation of the peace accord; Israel claims the issue remains to be discussed.
- The firmly promised release of all remaining Palestinian women prisoners — about 25 in all — which was voted last year by the Israeli president, Ezer Weizman.
- The lifting of Israel's partial ban on the entry of tens of thousands of Palestinian workers. The so-called border closure has crippled the finances of the self-rule Palestinian Authority.

In a surprise intervention yesterday, Egypt warned Israel that it had just three weeks to implement existing agreements with the Palestinians. If it did not comply, Cairo would cancel a key Middle East economic conference, scheduled for November. The stark ultimatum angered Israeli officials. Mr Netanyahu's office said it was "an unfortunate threat which can only exacerbate tensions in the region".

"We don't want promises. We need actions," the long-serving Egyptian ambassador to Israel, Mohammed Bassiouny, said in support of the Palestinian demands.

Egypt is unlikely to wring such wide-ranging concessions from the hardline government of Mr Netanyahu. But Israeli negotiators are said to be moving towards compromise on some issues, including a significant relaxation of the restrictions on Palestinian workers — and the long-awaited first meeting of the two leaders.

For the last three weeks top Israeli and Palestinian have conducted discreet talks at

## Negotiators remain divided on how to repair the peace process

the Tel Aviv home of Terje Larsen, the United Nations co-ordinator in the occupied territories.

Mr Larsen was a leading player in the secret negotiations which brought about the Israel-PLO peace accord in Oslo in 1993. Now he has resumed his intermediary role as relations between the "peace partners" have gravely deteriorated.

The new round of hush-hush diplomacy has produced contradictory signals. According to some reports, the Israelis offered cautious concessions, including an additional 10,000 entry permits for Palestinians. The PLO, the reports said, was prepared to renegotiate the terms of the ultra-sensitive Israeli redeployment in Hebron, where some 400 Jewish settlers live among 100,000 Palestinians.

Another, less sanguine, version of the talks is that Mr Arafat and his aides are determined to hold Israel to every word of the commitments made by the last government.



Above, food distribution in the Barka area and, right, Mustapha Issa Omer displays his stump, the result of a run-in with an army press gang. PHOTOGRAPHS: ANDREW BOYD

The people of eastern Sudan are trying to escape famine. But the flight takes them into dangerous land, and there's no guarantee of any food even if they do make it to Eritrea, writes **Andrew Boyd** in Barka



# Hunger and oppression force Bejas over border

**T**HE border between western Eritrea and north-eastern Sudan is marked by mountains as sharp as dragon's teeth. The track across is a roller-coaster ride over heaps of rubble. On the Eritrean side are sacks of sorghum; grain to make bread. On the Sudanese side is starvation.

"All of my people are starving," shrugs Mustapha Issa Omer. He used to be a shepherd. That was before he took two bullets while escaping a Sudanese army snatch squad, contracted gangrene and lost his leg. He has no truck to help him cross the border into Eritrea; he makes his way on crutches.

Mr Omer is one of around 3 million Beja people. He is in his thirties but looks younger, with dark doe eyes

which glance this way and that and avoid my gaze. He was picked up by a roving Sudanese army press gang to fight the war with the SPLA (Sudan People's Liberation Army) in the south.

When he tried to explain that he was a shepherd and not a soldier, that he had elderly parents, a wife and children to support, they threw him into a locked compound with their other new "conscripts". At 2am he found a gap in the wire and tried to slip through. The soldiers saw him and shot him in the arm and leg. He scrambled under a thorny shrub and spent the next day hiding there as the troops continued searching. At night he called out to a camel driver, who took him home.

By then his leg had turned gangrenous and had to be amputated. His family were afraid to take a deserter to hospital, so they called on the services of a quack. "The operation cost my brother five camels," he said, clasping his stump.

Many who wearily cross the border tell of enforced conscription, of being denied food and medicine. One was thrown in jail for trying to buy sorghum.

"The government of Sudan wants people to starve. There is a saying: if you have a dog, make him hungry so he will follow you," said Omer Musa, a refugee.

Others who try to sell their goods to buy grain are taxed so highly by the men with white beards — the Muslim Brothers — that they can afford to buy nothing.

But the Beja people are also Muslims. And they claim they are being driven out of their country by the radical Islamic regime in Khartoum.

They spill into Eritrea, some on camel and some on foot. Many have swords strapped to their backs with splayed ends and decorated with strips of red and blue metal.

Others wear combat fatigues and carry Kalashnikovs. These are the soldiers of the rebel Beja Congress who perform hit and run raids against bridges and other targets in Sudan. Some are as young as 12, but it is said they are still only being trained in the art of the Kalashnikov.

The leader of the congress, Imam Taha Ahmed Taha, was declared a non-Muslim after the coup which brought the National Islamic Front to power in Sudan.

Now, flanked by congress troops, the exile steals back into Sudan to inspire his people to join the struggle. Villagers flee at their approach, fearing an army snatch squad.

In Barka, a village of 500 families, 500 men were snatched by the army, and 300 people have died of malnutrition and famine-related disease. Pale old men cough with tuberculosis. Many others are sick.

Word has got out that there is food in Eritrea. But Eritrea has only managed to provide enough grain to feed a few thousand. A token gesture.

Teweide Tesfay is supervising the food distribution for the Eritrean Rehabilitation and Refugee Commission. "If

# Rough justice for Rwanda's victims

**Chris McGreal in Kigali reports on a law which means many killers will be freed after five years**

**E**VEN some of those who agitated most vigorously for Rwanda's new genocide law wonder if they would not be better off without it.

People who survived the Hutu slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Tutsis in 1994 wanted the legislation to recognise the enormity of the crime by severely punishing all the killers. Instead they have a law many consider little better than an amnesty, and the dismaying prospect of their tormentors being freed while memories of the genocide are still fresh.

Critics fear the trials will be a show. Most of the judges have never heard a case before and most of the accused will not have defence lawyers.

The international tribunal for Rwanda — an appendage of the Bosnia war crimes trials — is expected to begin hearing its first three cases in Tanzania later this month. Meanwhile the Kigali government is coping with more than 80,000 alleged killers stuffed into its prisons.

Three weeks ago, after months of dispute and many revisions, parliament passed the controversial law under which punishment will be imposed according to the degree of responsibility and admitted guilt.

Those considered to have led the genocide — politicians, soldiers, even the clergy — face the death penalty, as do the most enthusiastic and pitiless killers.

But most of the murderers will serve prison terms. Some, if they plead guilty and testify against others, could be free in five years.

Gerard Cahima, the deputy justice minister, said the legislation recognised that because so many people were involved in the killing significant numbers had to be encouraged to plea bargain, to reduce pressure on a judicial system only just getting back on its feet after the war.

"This genocide touches us all. Before there can be reconciliation there must be trials," he said. "But we are not looking to put all these

# Refugee's dream may be nightmare for Izetbegovic

**A Serb extremist will benefit if Muslims return home to vote, Julian Borger in Sarajevo writes**

**I**F ANYONE crosses Bosnia's ethnic dividing line to vote on September 14, it will be Enver Karic. A Muslim aged 48, expelled from Serb-controlled territory four years ago, he says no intimidation or practical hurdle will stop him returning to Bratunac, in eastern Bosnia.

"I was born there. Everything I owned is there — land, house, family graveyard. I will go back and I will vote there," he said.

About 400,000 Muslim refugees of voting age are in the same position as Mr Karic. Their consuming desire to return to their former homes in the 49 per cent of the country assigned to the Serbs by last year's Dayton peace pact is the only significant force holding Bosnia together.

If they abandon the idea, ethnic cleansing will have succeeded. But their determination to get home could also threaten peace prospects of their leaders.

In an election in which where you vote will be as important as who you vote for, most say they want to remain in their pre-war constituencies.

Nearly 140,000 have applied to vote by absentee ballot. Up to 250,000 others could pour across the ethnic boundary on election day for a symbolic return and the hope of a snatched

# Last of the Cali cartel barons gives himself up

**Helmer Herrera of Colombia's Cali cartel, accompanied by his lawyer, voluntarily surrenders to police**

**Mary Matheson in Bogotá**

**T**HE last of the Cali cartel drug barons surrendered peacefully to the Colombian police on Sunday after spending more than a year in hiding.

Helmer Herrera, allegedly fourth in the cartel hierarchy, sat waiting for the police in a church pew on the outskirts of Cali with two lawyers and a priest. Wearing a navy-blue double-breasted suit and with



his black hair slicked back, he looked more like an advertising executive than a drug trafficker.

He is the last of seven drug barons on a list drawn up by Colombian and American officials to fall into the hands of the authorities. The other six were arrested in a two-month period last summer.

Mr Herrera, aged 45, is one of the more complex characters in the cartel. He is known to be a bisexual — one of his nicknames is *la niña* (the girl)

— and is said to have spent part of his time on the run disguised as a woman.

He commands fierce personal loyalty from his followers, a fact the police believe helped him elude them for so long. Many of the other barons were betrayed by henchmen in return for cash rewards.

But he was also reportedly one of the most brutal of the leadership. He led the bloody clash between the Cali and Medellín cartels in the late 1980s. He survived two assassination attempts ordered by the Medellín godfather Pablo Escobar, who was gunned down by the police in 1993.

Mr Herrera's fortune, wrapped up in a complex network of front companies, is impossible to estimate. But he is thought to be one of the richest men in the world along with colleagues Gilberto and Miguel Rodríguez Orjuela.

Mr Herrera could receive a 24-year jail sentence for his crimes. But in Colombia, prisoners receive reductions in sentences for surrendering, confessing to their crimes, handing in ill-gained possessions, informing on others and good behaviour. Some even received reductions during the Pope's visit.

These considerations, coupled with the pressure of the police hunt for him, may have been factors which prompted his surrender.

With Mr Herrera now behind bars, the Colombian authorities hailed the demise of the Cali cartel. But American drug enforcement authorities say the flow of cocaine to the United States has not faltered. The Cali cartel supplies 80 per cent of the world's cocaine and is becoming a major supplier of heroin to the US.

glance of their old homes, under the protection of the Nato-led peacekeeping force, I-For.

"If I go to Bratunac to vote when I-For are there, it will make it easier for me to go back later to my home. I know the local Serbs there and I could get in contact with them," Mr Karic said.

His plans are an extraordinary victory of hope over experience. Serb police and nationalist zealots have persistently organised protests to prevent such visits.

Mr Karic spent two years in a Serb prisoner of war camp, which left him so physically broken he had a year in hospital.

A mass crossing of the ethnic boundary on election day could spark innumerable clashes as former Muslim and Serb neighbours confront each other for the first time since the war began in 1992.

Nato plans to channel these cross-boundary voters into a limited number of approved routes, to reduce the security risk, even though this represents a significant limit on the right to free movement.

Most election analysts believe the decision last week to postpone the municipal elections will reduce the incentive to travel, as the election of representatives to national and regional as-

# A mass crossing of the ethnic border could spark many local clashes

semblies is generally seen as a less emotive issue than control of town councils.

"Without the municipal elections the numbers who are going to cross are going to be small — perhaps as low as 30,000," said Christopher Bennett, an analyst in an independent monitoring organisation, the International Crisis Group.

There is little sign of an organised effort by the Muslim political parties to transport voters across the line. Mr Karic, for example, has no idea how he will get to Bratunac.

The ruling Muslim party, the SDA, has made little attempt to influence where its supporters vote, expecting them, perhaps, to register in their pre-war homes and villages.

This is in line with SDA principles supporting Bosnia's re-ethnicisation, but it could lose the party crucial votes.

The election rules make the 400,000 Muslims registered to vote in the Serb half of the country, the "Republika Srpska", ineligible to vote for presidential candidates standing in the Muslim-Croat federation. Of the estimated 1,500,000 Muslim voters, therefore, 400,000 will not be available to the SDA's presidential candidate, Alija Izetbegovic.

If the Muslim vote is further split by alternative candidates like Haris Silajdzic, the former prime minister, Mr Izetbegovic could be beaten for the post of Bosnia's first post-war head of state by the Serb candidate, Momislav Krajsnik, a fervent supporter of partition who played a leading role in ethnic cleansing.

# The penalties for genocide are less severe than for an ordinary murder

during the genocide they will be free in a few years.

"We cannot execute all the killers but they should be given the death penalty and it should be for the courts or the president to commute the sentences of those who cooperate."

Plea bargains are also a recognition of the weakness of many of the cases.

Often the only witnesses are the killers themselves. Charge sheets often contain little more than accusations by a single survivor. Several thousand prisoners have no files at all.

Mr Cahima says the government faced difficulties reconstructing the judicial system after the genocide. He said most of the judges and prosecutors ran away or were killed. The courtrooms were destroyed or looted. We had to train people and we had no money. We had to do it all in a year.

The government has spent \$12 million of foreign aid rebuilding the system. New roofs adorn once-gutted courts. Judges have been recruited. But sceptics say it does not add up to justice.

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Sentencing supergrasses
The Home Secretary has got it wrong... again

SENTENCING drug dealers to 18 years but letting them out after three is a dangerous new approach to an old trick. But who would have thought Michael Howard — particularly given his hardline campaign for honesty in sentencing — would have fallen for it?

Of course not. Legal chambers will be convulsed by such wriggling. Michael Howard has been ignoring judicial advice from the moment he was over promoted to Home Secretary three years ago. Ask the last Lord Chief Justice. Ask the defence counsel who have seen him extend the minimum tariffs which judges have recommended. Was the Home Secretary right to try and hush up his decision? Only in the cynical sense of saving himself from extreme embarrassment. This was an exercise in self interest, not public interest.

A deafening chorus of silence

Don't blame the West over Iraq. Blame Kurdish internal disunity

MIDDLE EASTERN minds are concentrated powerfully by the prospect of outside powers barging into a delicate minefield. The chorus of silence yesterday in response to US threats of air strikes against Iraq was deafening, and a remarkable solicitude is being shown for Baghdad's sovereignty.

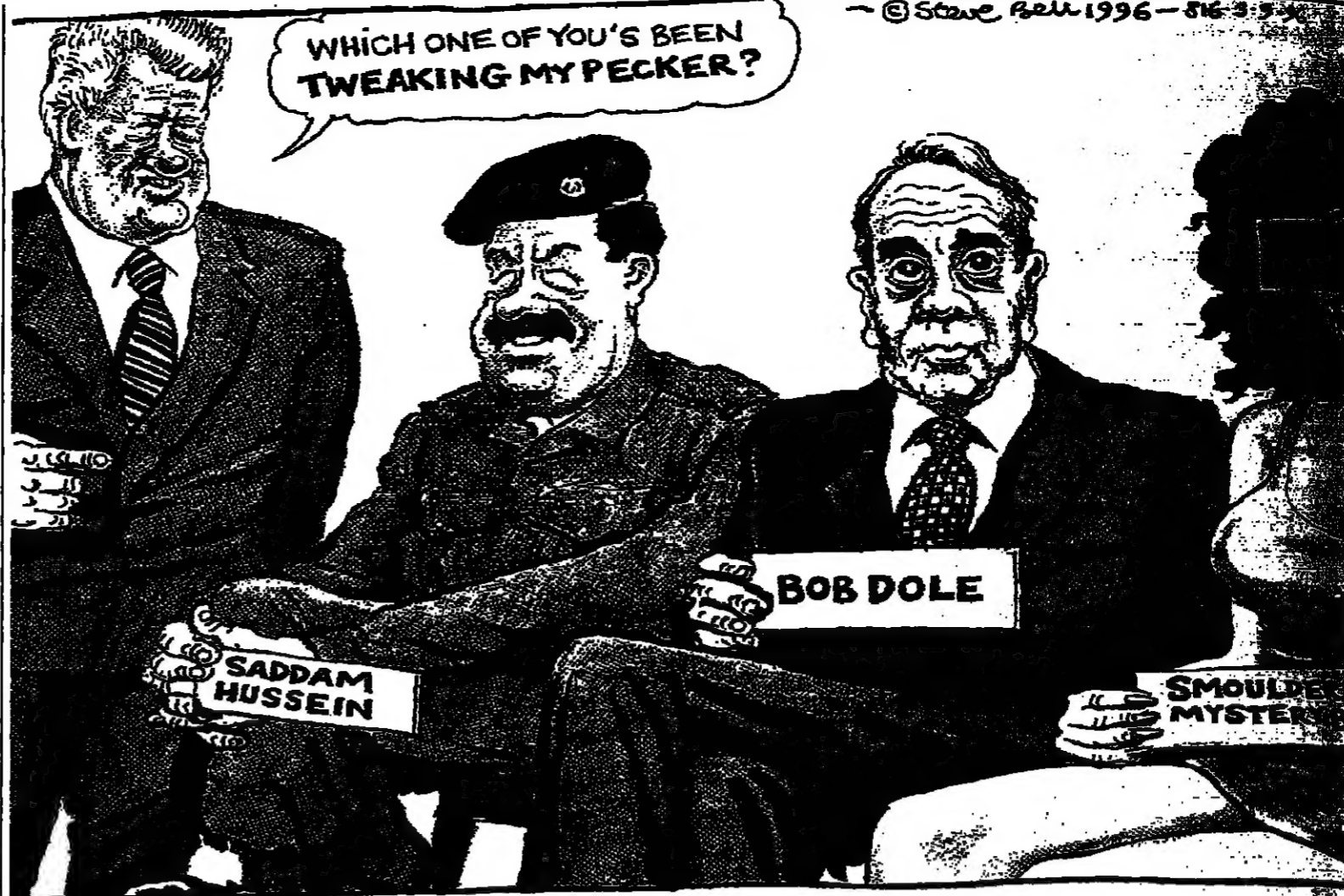
between Bill Clinton and King Fahd on Sunday without even confirming whether they had discussed Baghdad's offensive. Behind this lies not only a disinclination to upset the Iraqi applecart, but an equal or greater mistrust of the intentions of Tehran who — it is fully understood in the region if not further afield — was the first to join this latest, and increasingly murderous, round of the tragic Kurdish game.

Different from you and me...

But not so very different. The lottery rich still like to work

SOME AMAZEMENT seems to have been caused by the discovery, through a survey conducted by Camelot, that more than half of the new millionaires created by them actually want to carry on working. This conflicts with the advice apparently offered by Camelot's own Winners' Advisory Team that most people in their position want to give up. Is it really such extraordinary news? In an age where jobs are fewer to find and (we are always being sternly lectured) not available "for life", one might expect most people to seize the chance to let someone else take over. Yet every serious study of social attitudes towards employment has always shown that work is not only enriching but essential too. We may be fulfilled at various levels, but to do a useful job of work satisfies a very basic necessity. From the age of hunter-gatherers onwards, human beings have been members of communi-

ties where, in a very literal sense, survival depended upon shared labour. Even when work became more specialised, it was still seen as a "division of labour" in the interests of the communal effort. Work has been around from the very beginning. Even Creation did not just happen: it was the Work of God. So no one should be surprised because Mark Lund of Doncaster, after winning £5.5 million a year ago, has returned to work and invested in the company which employed him as a labourer. Nor that one in five of new lottery-created millionaires are still in the same job as before. Winning the lottery may disprove one-third of Voltaire's assertion that work banishes "those three great evils — boredom, vice and poverty." But the other two remain valid. Though no longer poor, the winner may soon find life incredibly boring. And only a small exposure to vice would reveal that that, too, can be pretty dull.



Letters to the Editor

Lay off Labour leaders

WONDER whether members of the party's Irritant Tendency ever give a thought to ordinary Labour supporters (Blair urges clean fight, September 2)? We wake up each day fearing the latest onslaught on the leadership, not from the Tories or the tabloids but from the Shorts, Flynn and Mitchells. Their ability to write Brian Marwhinney's propaganda from now to the election must make Maurice Saatchi fear for his job.

given vision to his enemies and pain to his friends. Alan Halden, 66 Laureate Way, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP1 3RU.

drip, daily dose of anti-Labour messages. Clare, Tony and Austin have failed to learn from four defeats in a row. Their dissent, coming so near to the next election and with so much hostile media around, makes one question their commitment to the election of a government that just might begin to break the rightwing cultural and political stranglehold on modern Britain. They deserve heavy censure from their colleagues. Peter Carabine, New England Street, St Albans, Herts.

WANT to make the following points to Richard Burden, Paul Flynn, Clare Short, Austin Mitchell and any others with the arrogance to believe that they alone embody the conscience of the Labour Party. Please will you stop kicking Labour Party members like myself in the teeth and concentrate on getting a Labour government elected. Paul Fantom, 33 Park Hill, Wednesbury, W Midlands WS10 0RH.

Shame on politicians who want to stigmatise young offenders

PREDICTABLY, Jack Straw has followed Michael Howard's lead in calling for the "reintegrative shaming" of persistent juvenile offenders by publicising their identities (Howard may let "rathays" be named, September 2). The anonymity of juvenile defendants has been a central tenet of European and American youth-justice systems for the best part of this century. It is based upon the belief, subsequently substantiated by research, that such stigmatisation can consolidate nascent criminal careers.

tecting themselves behind a wall of anger and with a persistent desire to take, damage or destroy. Teenagers who are short-term nuisances trying to "prove" themselves or find excitement present a different, less serious problem. If the concern is to make a better, safer society, the relevant research should be read and opinions sought from probation officers and others who care about the child, not only his unacceptable behaviour. A few night-warrant custodial solutions to protect society but all need help with the task of acquiring a more positive image of themselves. Heather Smith, 6 The Limes, Spencer Gate, St Albans AL1 4AT.

Rantzen retort

JANET Parker, whose severely disabled son lives at this home, complains that critics of the Rantzen Report (Letters, September 2) misunderstood its purpose. We now learn that the programme was not an attack on the home, but one advancing the case of patient advocacy. That was what my invitation letter said on June 20; but the fax I received on June 27 was clearly critical of the home. When I first read this claim by Ms Rantzen, repeated by Mrs Parker, I had to check we were all living on the same planet.

Ever since the journalism was accused of being "loopy, misleading and unfair", Janet Parker and Ms Rantzen have been supplanted by fear and mutual suspicion. The revelation of the identities of the culprits will come as no surprise to residents in these neighbourhoods who, rather than wanting a list of names, urgently need a solution to the progressive ghettoisation of which serious and persistent youth crime is both a cause and a consequence. (Prof) John Pitts, Centre for the Study of Crime and Neighbourhood Reconstruction, University of Luton, Luton, Beds LU1 3JU.

BEING shamed is what children who are lame and want to please might respond to. It works only if you feel you are letting down someone who cares about you. It would be quite irrelevant for boys whose experience from an early age was of being unwanted and unloved. Without positive experiences, these children grow up pro-

Not least of Mrs Parker's inaccuracies is her claim that my staff do not know how to communicate with her son, who cannot speak. They know exactly how to interpret his signs. They love him dearly and have communicated with him every day for five years. Noëlle Kelly, Mairon & Horne, British Home & Hospital for Incapables, Crown Lane, London SW16 2JB.

Not sporting

IT MAY be that Iain Sproat will repudiate the remarks attributed to him in your report (Political advice sought in bid for sports academy, August 28). If not, our readers may wish to know that the Sports Council in its present form and membership is essentially the creation of Iain Sproat, who has presided over its affairs since spring 1993. So any imperfections in its performance must be at least partly his responsibility.



Cracks in Crystal Palace plan

OXFORD suffers appalling traffic congestion and pollution (Miniature Crystal Palace is under threat, August 31). Oxfordshire County traffic planners would like to pedestrianise the central shopping street by creating a bus priority system, and diverting car traffic onto an uncompleted inner ring road. The new four-lane road across the LMS site is to facilitate car flow along this route. Unfortunately there are flaws in the plan. The route to the railway station is daily used by thousands of pedestrians who will be forced to

Gun lover is an easy target

MARY Leigh's protestations (Diary of a gun club member, August 28) that shooting is an innocent pursuit simply do not hold water. Home Office figures for 1995 show that 75 per cent of all gun homicides were committed with legally held weapons. The analogy that males should be banned because of rapists is also deeply flawed. Unlike those who are male, those who shoot choose to own a weapon that is designed for killing. The sport offers no benefits to society. Instead it extracts a regular toll of innocent lives in periodic massacres. Kevin Woolley, Ramoyle, Dunblane, Perthshire FK15.

A Country Diary

THE LAKE DISTRICT: My daughter-in-law's attempt to "collect" Rough Crag, the only one of the 11 Scfell two-thousanders she had not yet visited, failed on a miserable day of thick cloud and rain. We even had to use the compass to locate Lingsmill from the Corridor Route, so thick was the mist, and from the top of the steep scree down to Little Narrows only a few feet of the descent could be seen. Really, it was the thought that once she had collected the summit — always difficult to find in poor weather — she would have to crawl back up 700 feet of scree to rejoin the main highway from Scfell Pike that tempted her to leave it for another day. Next time, she will try it from the Eskdale side. I remember helping my son to collect these summits from Langdale, more than 20 years ago, on a similar sort of day. We left our rucksack in the corrie, one of the wildest and roughest in the country, before collecting Rough Crag and Pen, one of my favourites Lakeland summits, and then

A Country Diary

had the greatest difficulty in finding them again in the clouds among the piled boulders and scree. To complete the 200 or so Lake District two-thousanders, my daughter-in-law, after picking up Rough Crag, has to collect three or four summits in the Pillar area, including Stickle, missed in thick cloud on a traverse of the Mossdale Horseshoe last month, and then finish off with Pillar Rock, an appropriate ending to a modest achievement of which a grandmother can be justly proud. My son, who was brought up on crags by his father, should have by now found it easy to find his way. I first climbed more than 55 years ago. I can well remember, on several occasions, sitting on top of the biggest crag in England and looking down the length of Embsaydale, completely bare of trees, before the massive afforestation that completely changed the appearance of the date. A HARRY GRIFFIN

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Brother Adam

Secrets of the hive

BROTHER Adam, who has died at the age of 98, was once described as the Einstein of beekeeping...

widespread. In the early 1930s he addressed the Scottish Beekeepers' Association...

He was carried, strapped in a cane chair, on an expedition to Kilimanjaro in search of one bee

Buckfast Abbey, which appeared first in a German-language magazine in 1937...

ally certified, and Brother Adam had begun preparations towards the development of a bee with genetically-based resistance to Varroa jacobsoni...



The venerable beekeeper... Brother Adam tending the hives at Buckfast Abbey

PHOTOGRAPH: NICK ROGERS

breeding potentialities of the new varroa-resistant bee would have demanded a close and constant watch over his colonies...

remained unmoved. "Brother Adam is a member of this community, and I am sure that having been so for over 80 years he would consider himself a monk first and a beekeeper second..."

accepting invitations to meetings and addressing beekeepers around the world. Privately, he was deeply hurt.

ous recoveries, it looked as though his ambition might be achieved. He died in a Devon nursing home close to the Abbey, where he had spent the last two years.

Kevin Rowntree
Brother Adam, Benedictine monk and beekeeper, born August 3, 1898; died September 1, 1996

Ljuba Welitsch

A Salome coached by Strauss

LJUBA Welitsch, who has died aged 83, was one of the greatest opera singers to reach international fame immediately after the second world war...

Composer in Ariadne auf Naxos, conducted by Böhm. Strauss coached her in the title-role of Salome...



An unforgettable Salome... Ljuba Welitsch in the Brook-Dall production

Welitsch, singing in English, nevertheless gave a great performance in which she demonstrated, in the words of Lord Harewood...

made Musetta and Jenufa among her most admired interpretations. Welitsch's international career, hampered by the war...

planned by younger opera-goers and old fans alike. As late as 1978, Welitsch still appeared as a member of the Volksoper ensemble in Vienna...

George Levy

Good deal of sense

GEORGE Levy, who has died aged 68, was a distinguished dealer in antique furniture and an unofficial watchdog over less savoury aspects of the art market...

of a valuable item died, would try to persuade the heir to sell at auction rather than hand the item over to the nation...

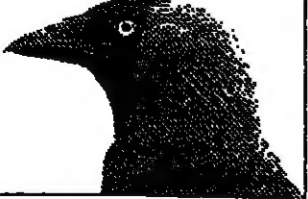
Christie's this summer on behalf of English Heritage for a pair of early 18th century tables which had been made for Chiswick House...



Levy... art trade watchdog

Donald Wirtzgen
George Levy, antique dealer and heritage campaigner, born May 21, 1927; died September 1, 1996

Jackdaw



Man-trap

SALUTING Device James C. Boyle. Patented March 10, 1896. Be it known that I, James C. Boyle, of Spokane, in the State of Washington, have invented a new and improved Saluting Device...

dium, and may be employed for such a purpose. Man-Catching Tank. Stanley Valinsk. Patented September 27, 1921. Be it known that I, Stanley Valinsk, residing at Homestead, in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Man-Catching Tanks...

crippled, and crazy / Somewhere pushing up a daisy / Than to let you break my heart all over again. I used to love this song...

better-known cover of the song as being particularly hilarious, but in Wright's hands it became a comic tour de force. "If I were a fish that had been cast upon the land..."

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Government actuary gives fund secrets to franchise bidders • Angry trustees fear surpluses will be creamed off

Rail pensioners shunted into sidings

Keith Harper Transport Editor

BIDDERS for new private rail franchises have been given confidential data by the Government on the vast surplus fund as part of the effort to bolster the speedy sell-off of the rail network. Disclosure of the details of the £10.5 billion pension fund to the bidders - including the French transport conglomerate which is taking over South East Trains - has alarmed the fund's trustees. They fear the surpluses will be creamed off by private companies and treated as a windfall gain.

Daykin - who has a duty to protect the interests of employees - exceeded his mandate in providing details of surpluses and that his position has been compromised. The Transport Secretary, Sir George Young, has been told that Mr Daykin has broken the trustees' confidence by providing details of the surpluses, which could be used by the new privatised rail operators to reduce the cost of employment by taking a pensions holiday until the year 2003. The lower cost of funding will make it cheaper to run the railway franchises commercially.

The chairman of the BR pension fund, Derek Fowler, strongly protests in an angry letter to the Government-appointed rail franchise director, Roger Salmon, about the contents and circulation of a memorandum containing details of the surpluses. "The mere suggestion that there might be surplus of assets over liabilities at any particular level at this stage is totally unacceptable to the trustees."

"My attention has been drawn to a note by the Government Actuary's Department... given to bidders for the franchise to operate the South Eastern Trains Company... I must protest in the strongest possible terms against the contents and circulation of the memorandum in its suggestions relating to a possible level of surplus and to the possibility of a future contribution holiday for the employer."

The actuary's move and the angry reaction of the trustees show that Mr Salmon is acting to prevent further revelations of pension-fund details, but that the position of Mr Daykin may have been compromised. The trustees acted after discovering that the actuary's department had issued a memorandum to bidders for South East Trains, the latest part of BR to be privatised. The memorandum pointed out that the true assets of the fund had been too modest, and that the surplus could be more than 30 per cent of liabilities. The ownership of pension-fund surpluses has long been a matter of dispute, but they are normally deployed in the best interests of current and future pensioners.

Mr Daykin's move produced an immediate outcry among the trustees because he acts for the fund as well. In the memorandum, he explains that the considerable increase in the fund's surplus is due to lower pay increases, a decline in the number of people in the industry and better investment returns. He suggests that the new owners of South East Trains, the French transport conglomerate CGEA, would not be obliged to make any further pensions contributions for the next seven years - the duration of the franchise.

Mr Fowler makes it clear in his memorandum to Mr Salmon that the disclosure will make it "extremely difficult" for the trustees "to agree to any proposal for an employer contribution holiday for fear of being considered to have taken into account matters which they ought not to have done". Mr Fowler's letter urges Mr Salmon to withdraw all references to the level of surplus and how it might be applied. He also asks Mr Salmon to ensure that future franchising documents do not contain any references to issues

which are the responsibility of the trustees. In an equally strong letter to the actuary, Mr Fowler says: "It is not possible for a Government actuary to continue to advise the trustees except on the basis of mutual confidence and trust. This cannot survive actions likely to compromise their independence." Mr Fowler says that the actuary's revelations to private bidders are "wholly unacceptable", and inconsistent with his role as an advisor to the BR fund. A further letter to the Transport Secretary reminds the Government that the fund's independence was guaranteed by ministers during the privatisation debate. He describes Mr Daykin's action as inconsistent with his status and stresses that "prudence and courtesy would have suggested prior consultation". In a reply to Mr Fowler by Mr Salmon, dated August 13, the franchise director says that he has been asked by the Government to consider the question of "obtaining value for money for the taxpayer over such a surplus, and providing a windfall gain to new franchise operators".

Farnborough Airshow/ European challenge to US dominates day, Simon Beavis reports

Heseltine backs Euro-aerospace

MICHAEL HESELTINE threw his weight behind moves to speed up integration of Europe's aerospace industry, as it emerged that British Aerospace wants to achieve unification of the industry - possibly in one company - within five years. The deputy prime minister's wholehearted support for the integration of European manufacturers marks a significant change of tone for a politician who has learned to stifle his Euro-enthusiasm after the Westland crisis saw him resign from the Government and, more recently, in the face of Conservative divisions over Europe.

Speaking at the Farnborough Airshow, which he had earlier opened, Mr Heseltine made it clear that aerospace companies in Europe had to try to match the aggressive move towards consolidation which, in the US, has produced the giant Lockheed-Martin combine and, more recently, seen Boeing acquire Rockwell for \$3 billion (£1.9 billion). Mr Heseltine said: "The process is unstoppable, and it is very desirable." He made it clear that, by pooling its resources, European firms would get access to more sophisticated and more valuable collaborative programmes, both with the

US and with new partners in the Far East. "The Government recognises this process has got to go forward and is therefore looking for ways to bring some urgency to that," he said. But he acknowledged that there was a political hurdle in that individual nations still saw aerospace and defence producers as strategically vital, with many firms remaining in state control. "There's a price for politics, and it's a price Europe will find increasingly difficult to pay," he warned. Exports would be the main casualty of a failure to combine. Mr Heseltine was echoing the thoughts of British Aerospace, which increasingly realises that time is running out for Europe if it wants to pool its resources and take on American companies in the world's export markets. BAE is keen to see the success of the European Airbus consortium extended more widely, but knows from bitter experience how hard it is to achieve integration in more sensitive defence areas. Its recently agreed deal with France's Matra to form a \$700 million joint venture took three years to negotiate. Executives are being spurred on by worries that the world market for defence products will be mopped up by the ever more powerful US contractors, which are



The Joint Stars E9-C, a surveillance target attack radar aircraft built by Northrop Grumman, on display at the Farnborough Airshow yesterday. PHOTOGRAPH: GRAHAM TURNER

Boeing lambasts Airbus project for superjumbo

BOEING and the European aircraft maker Airbus, launched into a furious war of words over the viability of the next generation of superjumbo aircraft yesterday. The US manufacturer claimed that making a plane to carry more than 600 passengers would be "financial suicide". The Airbus consortium is increasingly convinced that a market exists for such an airliner. In reply, Boeing launched a public relations offensive to try to win support for its proposal to develop its existing 747 with more capacity and extra range. Boeing claimed that an aircraft of the dimensions being considered by Airbus - able to carry nearly 1,000 all economy passengers or 630 in three classes - would be economically unviable and potentially unsafe. The Europeans dismissed these claims as "self-serving". Behind the row, which broke out on the opening day of the Farnborough Airshow, lies a battle for custom from some of the world's fastest-growing airlines and Boeing's determination to exploit its monopoly in producing the biggest commercial aircraft. Airlines including British Airways, Cathay Pacific, Malaysian Airlines and Singapore Airlines have been reluctant to commit themselves to buying large planes from Boeing until they see if Airbus can develop a rival. Airbus challenger, the A3XX, will be at least three years behind Boeing's planned 500 and 600, both derivatives of the 747 although with new wings, new engines and more modern systems. Ron Woodard, president of Boeing, said that the company forecast demand over the next 20 years for only 470 aircraft with a capacity of 500 seats or more - compared with Airbus' bullish prediction of 1,380. Mr Woodard said that the Airbus forecast was based

on the need to justify the huge costs of developing a totally new airliner rather than reality. He poured scorn on the European consortium's estimate that it could deliver the A3XX programme for as little as \$8 billion (\$5.2 billion). Boeing's own plans to develop derivatives of the 747 would cost more than \$6 billion, he said. By contrast he said earlier joint studies with Airbus, which were terminated only 18 months ago, had unanimously concluded that to develop a new superjumbo would cost between \$12 billion and \$15 billion. "We came up with joint numbers and concluded that even half this programme was financial suicide," Mr Woodard told a packed press conference. Boeing used the show to announce orders worth \$6.5 billion from a string of airlines led by British Airways, which is ordering 747s at an accelerating pace and boosting its fleet of 777s and 787s. But Boeing notably failed to unveil a launch customer for the newest versions of the 747. Airbus was unable to make a full presentation to the press yesterday after the floor of the press tent collapsed - just as Boeing was making its presentation. The European consortium is expected to announce orders worth nearly \$3 billion today. Sources close to Airbus acknowledge that it will have to spread development costs by involving other partners. The name of McDonnell Douglas has been mentioned.

Number crunch: Forecasts of demand for 500-plus seat aircraft. Boeing: 470, Airbus: 1,380, BAe: 710, Dasa: 740, Aerospaciale: 620, McDonnell Douglas: 540, P&S-Royce: 500, General Electric: 550, Airbus Industrie partners: 550.

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Anxious builders wait for a lift in flat market

OUTLOOK/Buyers seem to prefer older homes to new ones, reports Tony May

IF THE housing market is picking up, then why is recovery in house-building hanging fire? The industry has reported a 6.5 per cent fall in new orders to £2.53 billion over the first half of the year. Completions were down by a similar amount but the second quarter showed an accelerating decline of 10 per cent. This may partly reflect an attempt by Wimpey and Besser, the industry's top two builders who accounted for 12.5 per cent of new homes built last year, to restore their margins by building fewer, more expensive, homes. But there is also evidence that demand is down - the House Builders Federation says that the level of visitors to new sites is down 7 per cent on a last year - and some City analysts say the second-hand market has grown at the expense of new-build. The industry thinks the worst may be over and expects to see a moderate improvement in new starts in the second half of this year -

possibly 5 or 10 per cent above the dismal figures for 1995. But some pundits say that uncertainty created by the general election could postpone a strong pick-up in sales until next year, possibly until next August. Against this background the leading companies in the sector have been consolidating to take advantage of that long-delayed recovery. Wimpey has swapped construction for Tarmac's house-building arm to dominate the industry and the City will be kept for an update on progress when Wimpey reports a dip in profits of some 5 per cent to about \$1 million today. The first result from the sector has come from Persimmon but this provides little clue as a whole since this York-based housebuilder jumped from eighth to fourth place in the industry table when it paid \$177 million in February to buy Ideal Homes from Trafalgar House. The deal increased the group's size by 50 per cent with Ideal complementing the

group's traditional strength in Yorkshire and the eastern counties by bringing in exposure to Wales and the South West. It has also strengthened Persimmon's exposure in the South East where the first stirrings of a pick-up in demand have been detected. The chairman, Duncan Davidson, said yesterday that he was "delighted" with progress so far. Ideal Homes had been integrated and he predicted an improved second half. "Since July 1 trading has continued to improve and if these conditions persist, we are confident of achieving our objective of increased unit sales and profit margins," he said. The 46 per cent rise in first-half profit to £14.3 million - before a \$3 million reorganisation charge - was in line with City forecasts and included a four-month contribution from Ideal. Persimmon has closed Ideal's head office, and closed or merged six of its subsidiary offices. It is trading from more than 300 sites and in the first half of the year sold 2,696

houses, up from 1,676 a year ago and hopes to sell 6,000 in a full year. The City calculated that by using its 30 per cent increase in size to get better prices for its bricks, cement and other materials, the enlarged Persimmon would save £1.5 million a year on purchasing and marketing. The group is certainly generating enough cash to slash debt. This rose to £175 million immediately after the acquisition, but has now fallen by one third to £108 million, a ratio of debt to equity of 40 per cent. True, the interim dividend is pegged at 9p but Mr Davidson said: "As soon as the full benefits of the acquisition have materialised we expect to continue our objective of a progressive dividend policy." But the company's shares, which reached a 13-month high of 245p in April, gained just 1p to 215p on the results. It seems that, like housebuyers, analysts believe things are getting better but are not keen buyers yet. They see better value elsewhere.

Persimmon financial performance summary including Stock market value, Share price, Workforce, Interest cover, Sales, Pre-tax profit, Earnings per share, Dividend, and a bar chart showing National housing starts and completions from Q1 1995 to Q2 1996.

Vertical sidebar containing various small advertisements and notices such as Tennis, Hing away, Sand, Ice Hockey, Hawks' Mill, Pontefract, and Results.





Captain's haul... Alan Shearer adds to his goal collection in Moldova

Soccer

David Lacey sees England and the new coach take a potentially tricky opening World Cup mission in their stride

Opening pass mark for Hoddle

IT MIGHT have been better but it could have been a lot worse, and at least the England plane arrived home in one piece. On balance Glenn Hoddle is entitled to feel satisfied with his first weekend's practical experience of life as national coach.

after missing one after took England's third goal with a tenacity which suggested that his international fame was unlikely to return. Nick Barnby's opening goal, however, was the best of the three. Paul Gascoigne's looping header two minutes later could not hide his obvious lack of match fitness.

Seux, potentially the nearest thing to a wing-back at Hoddle's disposal. The nub of Venables's argument was that playing full-backs in this wide role was a negative move since it restricted the number of natural forwards in any one team.

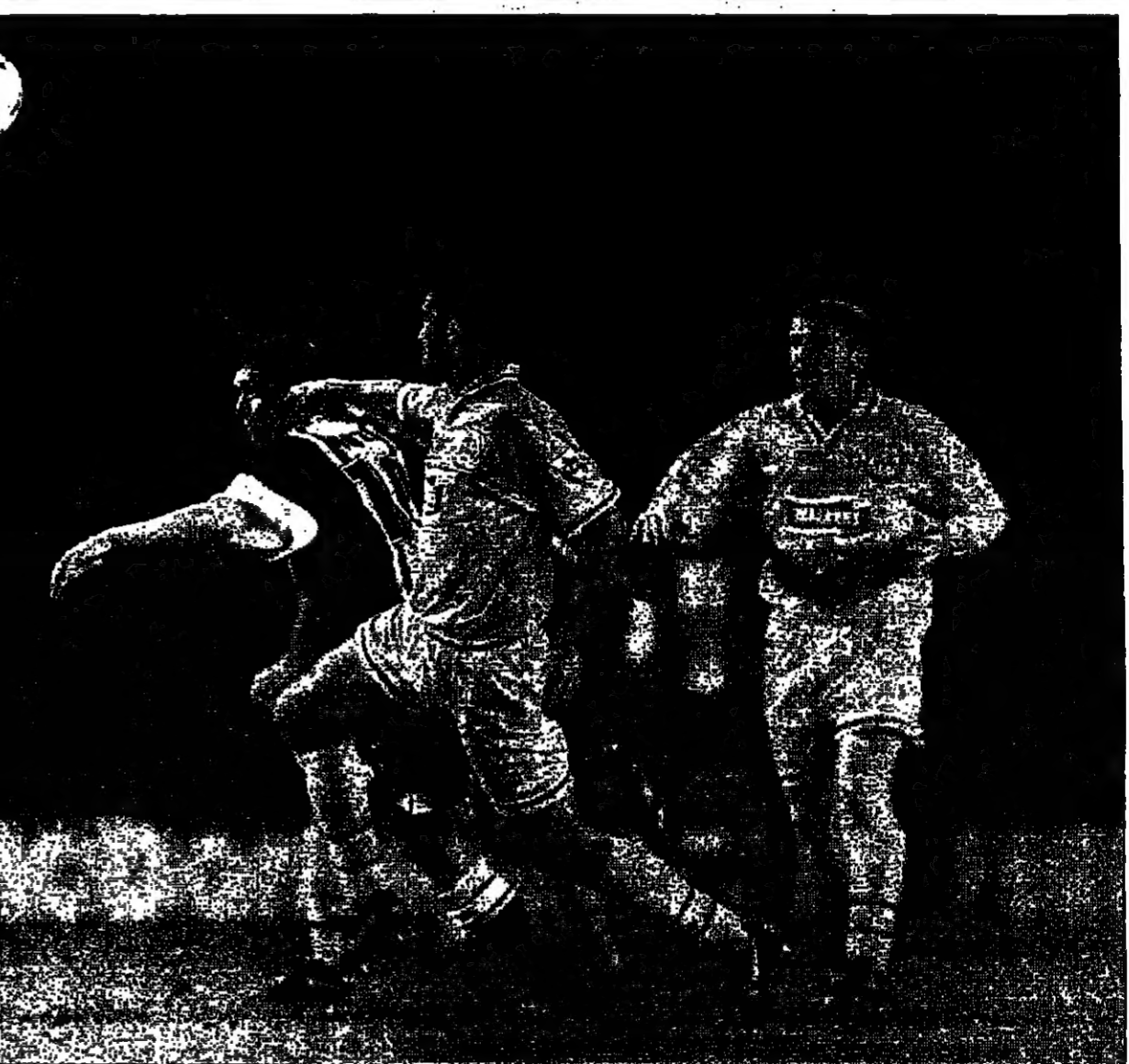
Premiership: Sheffield Wednesday 2, Leicester City 1

Booth keeps up perfect record

David Hopps

LIFE will get no better than this for Sheffield Wednesday this season. A hard-won victory against Leicester City at Hillsborough last night left them five points clear in the Premiership which, in South Yorkshire at least, will suggest there is now as queer as footballing folk.

flushes of youth but Humphreys and his like have given their manager David Hirst a necessary lift after the trials of last season. In winning their first three matches Wednesday have displayed a more vigorous edge compared to the anaemic collection of elder statesmen that survived only on the final day of last season.



Marksmen's escape... Andy Booth, who scored the winner, loses Leicester defenders in another Wednesday attack last night

Hartford ready to turn down Lee

Ian Ross

EIGHT days after Alan Ball resigned as manager, the Manchester City chairman Francis Lee may find tonight that his search for a successor has turned into a crisis.

Sheringham blow adds to Spurs' woes

David Hopps

TEDDY Sheringham, Tottenham's England striker, has been ruled out for up to three weeks, adding to an injury crisis which leaves the manager Gerry Francis without both his main strikers for tomorrow night's Premiership match at Wimbledon.

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Sport in brief

Cricket

The England batsman Alistair Brown has been dropped by Surrey for their crucial County Championship match against Northamptonshire at The Oval. He scored a Texaco Trophy century against India in May but has contributed only three half-centuries in Surrey's pursuit of the title this season.

Boxing

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the former world champion Julio Cesar Chavez and two of his associates. The Mexican treasury alleges that they have defrauded the government out of what has been reported as about 10.5 million pesos (\$930,000) in tax.

Soccer

Nwankwo Kanu, the Nigerian striker signed by Internazionale from Ajax, has been diagnosed as having a heart problem that could end his career.

Motor Racing

Michael Andretti held off Bobby Rahal to win the Molson Indy Vancouver Grand Prix on Sunday, his second successive IndyCar victory. He moves up to second place in the championship series, 14 points behind Jimmy Vasser with only next Sunday's race at Laguna Seca remaining.

Basketball

The Sheffield Sharks looked in excellent shape for the forthcoming season when they won the TopNoord International tournament at Groningen. Their new American wing Vince Williams scored 34 points and the England power forward Roger Ruggins added 20 points and 20 rebounds in their 91-88 victory in the final over Autodorozhnik Saratov.

Pools Forecast

Table with columns for FA Carling Premiership, National League, and Scottish Premier Division, listing teams and predicted outcomes.

Team talk: The independent news and reports service. 0891 33 77+. Includes a list of football teams and their current positions in the league.

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Cricket

Illingworth takes stand for dignity

Mike Selvey on the England chairman's appeal before his peers at Lord's

BY THIS time next week Raymond Illingworth's association with international cricket will have ended...

TCCB playing contracts by sounding off in the Daily Express on his return from last winter's tour of South Africa...

At his own disciplinary hearing Malcolm, who by virtue of his contracts had committed more technical breaches than his chairman...

Illingworth is hoping that he will be able to call on witnesses today to put the record straight in particular Peter Lever...

For its part the discipline committee, under the chairmanship of Gerard Elias QC, has overreacted...

One hopes that sanity will prevail and Illingworth will then head into the sunset with dignity intact...

Scoreboard

Table with columns for match, score, and player statistics. Includes sections for Lancashire v Essex, Yorkshire v Essex, and Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire.

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Cricket

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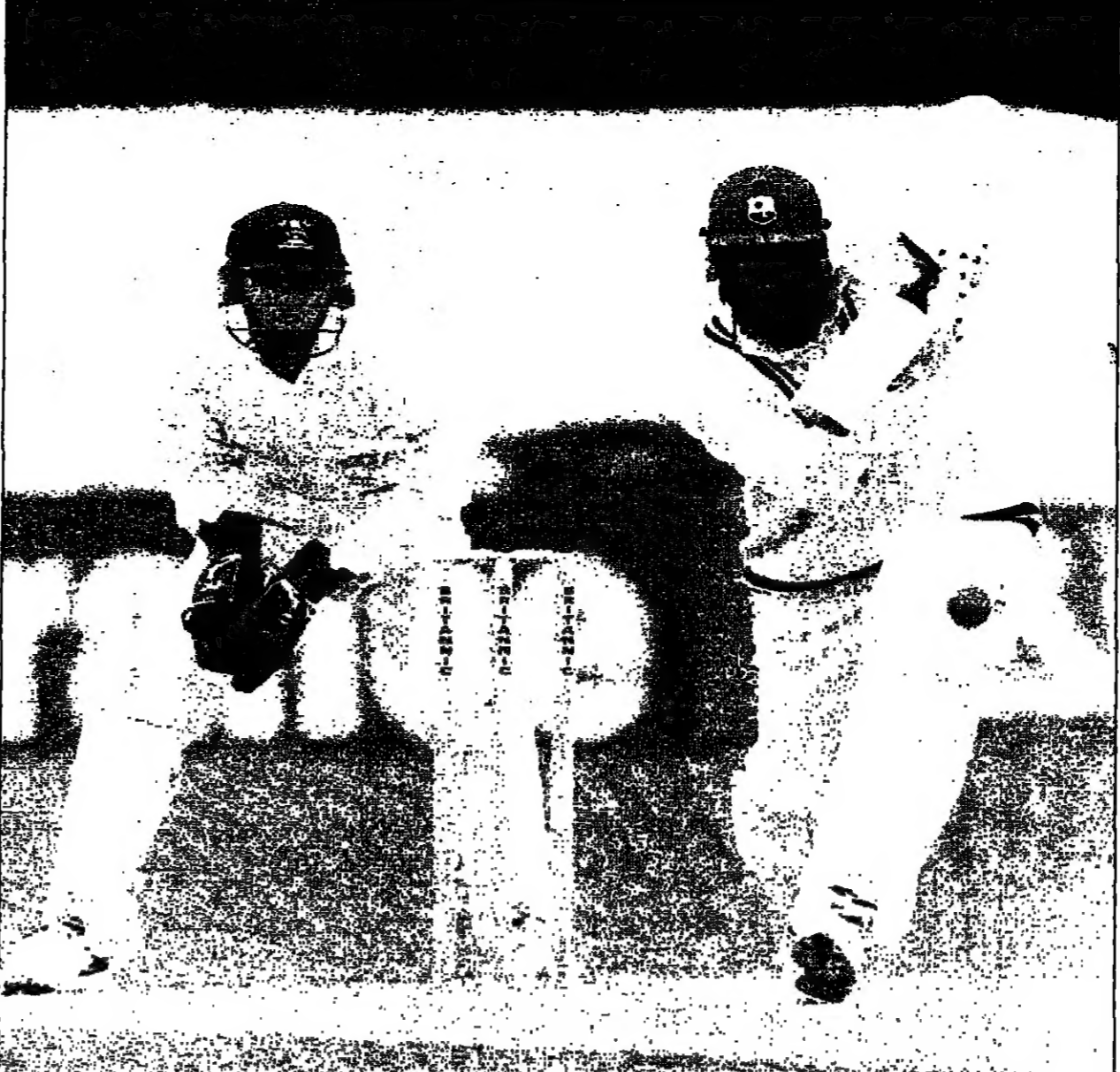
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Table with columns for county, score, and player statistics. Includes sections for Derbyshire, Essex, and Gloucestershire.

Complete county scores

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Following through... Carl Hooper plays a model off-drive at Tunbridge Wells yesterday on his way to 86 off 80 balls.

County Championship: Kent v Nottinghamshire

Hooper takes icing off top

Paul Weaver at Tunbridge Wells

KENT returned to the top of the championship table with a seven-wicket win over Nottinghamshire here yesterday...

form their miserable history.

Hooper is contracted to Kent until the end of next season, having signed a three-year deal covering 1994, 1996 and 1997...

playing for another county.

The club's Australian coach Daryl Foster added: "He is currently renegotiating with the county to secure his long-term future..."

languid six over extra-cover off Bowen.

The innings took him to 1183 championship runs for the season at an average of 51 in addition to his catches and 26 wickets...

Waqar woos his new principal

David Foot

WAQAR YOUNIS flies home to Pakistan today with a daffodil implanted on his heart. Yesterday he was in Cardiff for the first time...

The agent, Jonathan Barnett, said: "It was the sheer enthusiasm that Glamorgan showed..."

Waqar, originally a village boy, gave a different explanation. "It's the relative quiet of Wales that I know I shall find so attractive..."

Yorkshire v Essex

Byas beats drum as Essex subside on Yorkshire grit

David Hopps at Headingley

DAVID BYAS regards lost causes such as he views vegetarians: he cannot believe they really exist. But when Yorkshire's captain...

evening. But the recovery that was sparked on Saturday by the batting of two fringe players...

Essex, resuming on 100 for five, 148 short of victory, could not knit an innings that had looked terminally frayed from the moment Hussain's intemperance against...

American Football

Johnson and Baltimore celebrate happy returns

Mark Tran in New York

JIMMY JOHNSON and Baltimore made triumphant returns to the National Football League when the NFL returned for a new season...

ment the weakness in Miami's offence, which had become overly dependent on Dan Marino...

Marino passed for a modest 176 yards as his rushers combined for 146 yards. "We couldn't stop the run and that's pretty much an understatement..."

guy came through big time," said Johnson.

The normally confident Johnson, who has brought 23 new players to Miami, confessed to pre-game jitters...

— Curtis Martin rushed for only 28 yards...

They saw the one-time Browns gave up two touchdowns to the Raiders' Tim Brown to fall 14-7 behind...

Rugby Union

Premier plan for top clubs

Robert Armstrong

TOP clubs in England, Wales and Scotland will shortly consider a plan to streamline Saturday matches by forming a British Premier League...

wealthy entrepreneurs, who have latched on to millions of pounds in the English and Welsh clubs in the past 12 months...

The threats of breakaways made by the English and Welsh clubs to their respective unions have been sparked by persistent anxieties over income...

Support for a British Premier League has grown steadily within the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs organisation (EPRUC) and First Division Rugby Ltd (FDR)...

Initially the British Premier League would comprise six clubs each from England and Wales plus three from Scotland...

Television has been manoeuvring to gain long-term control of international rugby in Britain and Europe without necessarily making a genuine commitment to promote the club competitions which are the game's lifeblood...

Gloucester coaching director Richard Hill has bowed to criticism from supporters and dropped his controversial two-tier selection policy which brought a record league defeat, 75-19, at Harlequins on Saturday.

Motor Racing

Jordan may give Hill another start

Alan Henry

DAMON HILL will revive an old partnership if negotiations for him to join the Silverstone-based Jordan-Peugeot team prove successful...

not an issue. Driving for Jordan, Hill would have to accept substantially less.

The Jordan team are currently in their sixth season of Formula One but lie a distant fifth in the constructors' championship after 18 of the 16 races...

Yesterdays Jordan's commercial manager Ian Phillips said Hill could be the ideal person to raise the team's profile and also satisfy Benson & Hedges, the team's key sponsor...

Either McLaren or Mercedes.

That leaves the fledgling Stewart Grand Prix team as Hill's only realistic fall-back. The benefits of his expertise in helping develop a new car and team would be considerable. The only problem might be whether his presence in the Stewart line-up would put too much strain on them to perform too well too soon.

Rugby League

Chorley go name-dropping

Paul Fitzpatrick

CHORLEY Chiefsains, the Second Division club, yesterday moved in with Preston North End soccer club in what Chorley hope will be a first step towards a place in the Super League.

Preston, in the Nationwide Second Division, said: "The clubs will be run quite separately with their own management structure. We will both benefit from the facilities available to us."

Chorley, formed in 1989, lost their place in the RFL and were relegated to the Conference League for a season. They were readmitted to the Second Division last year but were warned, along with Prescot, that their progress would be carefully monitored.

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REVENGE VICTORY OVER TODD MARTIN SETS UP CLASH WITH RETIRING SWEDE



On the rebound... Tim Henman avenges his straight-sets Wimbledon defeat by Todd Martin under the Flushing Meadow lights

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## Henman tilts at a legend

Stephen Bierley at Flushing Meadow on a British examination by Stefan Edberg

**H**E HAS practised with him, learned from him and been inspired by him. Today Tim Henman must put the living tennis legend of Sweden's London-based Stefan Edberg behind him, play the ball not the man, and fight string and graphite for a place in the quarter-finals of the US Open. As Henman put it: "The last thing you need to do is look at the other end and think, 'I'm playing one of the greats.' I'll just be concentrating on my own game and hopefully I can play as well as I did on Sunday."

which will bring him £300,000 in appearance money alone. Flushing Meadow is a special place, notably during the night sessions when the two huge scoreboards on the vertiginous main stadium shine every bit as brightly as Broadway's neon. The arena is a frothing, heaving vat of reeking humanity; it appears impossible for spectators to sit still here for more than a minute. T-shirts are bought at whim, pizzas consumed irrespective of the state of play, and in the middle of Henman's third set against Martin thousands simply upped sticks and left; they are not interested in losers. Martin, ranked 13th in the world, had ended Henman's hopes of a Wimbledon semi-final this summer as cleanly as a pioneer's axe, beating him in

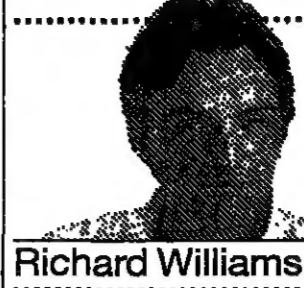
straight sets. This time the reversal was doubly sweet in Martin's own backyard. Henman winning 6-3, 7-6, 6-4. After the British No 1 walked off court John McEnroe, who is proving a splendidly trenchant and amusing commentator for USA Network, rushed down to congratulate him with genuine warmth. "The British should be pretty pumped up. This guy has great potential." David Felgate, Henman's coach, rated the win even higher than the first-round Wimbledon victory over Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the French Open champion. "For the first set and a half it was the best tennis I've ever seen Tim play."

Martin, it must be said, was hampered by a heavily strapped elbow which cut his serving power considerably. Yet it was typical of his generous spirit that the 6ft 6in Florida-based player from Hinsdale, Illinois refused to make excuses. "I played the cards that were dealt. I had my chances." These came at 5-4 in the second set. Martin had a couple of set points but Henman, previously struggling to keep his concentration, slammed the door shut to become the first British player to reach the fourth round here since John Lloyd in 1984. Lloyd eventually lost to Jimmy Connors in the quarter-finals. Both Henman and Felgate recognise the danger of the 21-year-old Briton's occasional lapses of concentration. "When I do play my best tennis I'm a good player," said Henman. "It's the other times that I'll let back the very top players. We know it's a problem; now we have to deal with it."

Edberg, 30, playing his last Grand Slam tournament before retirement, reached the fourth round with a comfortable 6-4, 7-6, 6-1 win over Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands. "Tim is going to go out there very much the underdog," said Martin. "Don't let 30 years old and the sagonara tour fool you. Stefan is playing as well as I've ever seen him play in a few years, and I think he will come a little bit better equipped than I was."

The match is given extra spice because Britain's Tony Pickard, reunited with Edberg this year, tried desperately to persuade Henman to take him on as coach when he initially split up with the Swede. Henman stuck by Felgate, who is also the LTA's manager of men's tennis, and Pickard has not been slow to voice his criticism. Undoubtedly Edberg, champion here in 1991 and 1992, and twice winner of the Australian Open and Wimbledon, will be thoroughly fired up, though in the case of the iconic Swede this might appear a contradiction in terms. Henman hardly wears his emotions on his sleeve either: the public show of emotion late on Sunday night was a smile and a single gesture of pointed triumph towards Felgate.

## Why Williams dropped the £5 million man



Richard Williams

**S**O YOU want to know why Damon Hill isn't good enough for Frank Williams. Or, to put it another way, why a man worth £5 million a year ago is apparently worth nothing now, despite winning more than half the Formula One races held this season. What on earth could persuade Williams to reject the services of a driver who may well wrap up the world championship in Italy on Sunday afternoon? A man who has worked happily with the team for six years?

fortune as excuses to demonstrate their virtuosity, thrilling the crowd by slicing through the field. Maybe Hill was just unfortunate that a camera was focused on him as he came up behind Martin Brundle's fifth-placed Jordan on lap 21 and tried to overtake into Les Combes, a right-hander which offers the Spa circuit's best passing opportunity. At this point Hill's Williams, the best car in the field, was three seconds a lap faster than Brundle's Jordan, a margin that should have made overtaking easy. But the world could see what happened when Hill drew alongside, taking the inside line as they approached the corner. Suddenly he seemed to think better of it, braking early and dropping back, letting Brundle take his usual line through the corner. Schumacher — and Villeneuve, Hakkinen, Alesi and probably quite a few others — would have outbraked the Jordan, leaving Brundle to worry about the consequences. There is no time for second thoughts in the business of driving a racing car. It took Hill five more laps to get back up to Brundle, ready for another go at the same corner. This time he brought it off, but so he went past a strange thing happened. He made the Williams lunge across the track towards the Jordan, as if unconfident of his ability to bring off the manoeuvre without a hint of intimidation — or as if, after his failure five laps earlier, he felt he needed to make a public show of aggression.

Hill, his nerves jangling as the race for the championship nears its climax, had already messed up the job of getting pole position, foiled when the rain came during the qualifying session, ceding the initiative to his team-mate Jacques Villeneuve. Bad luck. Bad timing. But a truly great champion suffers from neither. The likes of Fangio and Senna had a poker player's sixth sense telling them when to draw and when to hold. In this generation, Schumacher has it. By those standards Hill is mortal, like the rest of us. Then he made an indifferent start to the race. He has been doing that all season, leading to the extraordinary sight of a poleman, world champion being treated like a learner driver. Try to imagine Schumacher allowing himself to be dragged into public explanations of his difficulty in co-ordinating the movements of the throttle and clutch pedals. And then, for one reason or another, Hill's pit-stop routine went wrong, making him look foolish as he dodged in and out of the slip-road barriers like an advert for the Cones Hotline. Even when he found himself back in 18th place after that little misadventure, he had the opportunity to show what he can do in hot blood. Fangio, Moss, Clark, Senna and even Prost occasionally used such episodes of mis-

**A** WHOLE theory can plausibly be erected on the basis of a single incident such as this, but there have been several other examples of Hill's flawed decision-making in the heat of battle, and Williams has clearly seen enough of them to reach a logical conclusion that, though he may be a first-class test driver, he lacks a racer's edge and at 36 is unlikely to develop one now. Hill's financial demands are beside the point. They are not, in any case, excessive. No, Williams knows that next season, facing Schumacher and Ferrari, his team will need every ounce of competitive advantage, and one way is to raise the level of internal competition by confronting Villeneuve with a new threat from inside the team. If I were Hill, I would draw a line under the past four years. And if I were Villeneuve, I would watch Frank Williams more closely from now on.



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- Enact old bit of action in play consisting of short accounts (9)
- Firm set up in dead place (6)
- Beak seat (9)
- Club with records inside showed I scored (6)
- Spoil one spill by the sea? (8)
- Lady with a file — initially a collection of papers (5)
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- Leading committee on the right (9)

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